

## Senate Resolution 8 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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1 A Resolution recognizing February 8, 2017, as National  
2 Boy Scout Day.

3 WHEREAS, in 1908, British retired General Lord  
4 Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell established the  
5 Boy Scout movement in Great Britain; and

6 WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America was founded  
7 in Washington, D.C., on February 8, 1910, by Chicago  
8 publisher William D. Boyce after the "Unknown Scout"  
9 aided Mr. Boyce through a dense London fog and refused  
10 a tip for the assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, legislation establishing the federal  
12 charter of the Boy Scouts of America was signed into  
13 law by President Woodrow Wilson on June 15, 1916; and

14 WHEREAS, the Buffalo Bill Council of the Boy Scouts  
15 of America and the Sac-Fox Council of the Boy Scouts of  
16 America merged in 1967, creating the Illowa Council of  
17 the Boy Scouts of America, headquartered in Davenport,  
18 Iowa; and

19 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council serves Cedar, Clinton,  
20 Jackson, Muscatine, and Scott counties in Iowa and  
21 eight counties in western Illinois; and

22 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council continues to prepare  
23 young people to make ethical and moral choices by  
24 teaching them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout  
25 Law; and

26 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council has over 6,000  
27 registered youth members that it serves in its  
28 Scouting programs and over 2,000 registered adult

1 volunteers; and

2 WHEREAS, the Illowa Council of the Boy Scouts of  
3 America operates four main Scouting programs: Cub  
4 Scouts, a traditional Scouting program for elementary  
5 school age boys; Boy Scouts, a traditional Scouting  
6 program for middle school and high school age boys;  
7 Venturing, a high-adventure based leadership program  
8 for young men and women ages 13 through 20; and  
9 Exploring, a career-development program for young men  
10 and women ages 14 through 20; and

11 WHEREAS, both adult and youth members strive to  
12 fulfill the Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" and the Scout  
13 Slogan of "Do a Good Turn Daily"; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of the Illowa Council  
15 provide more than 8,000 hours of community service  
16 annually; NOW THEREFORE,

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
18 encourages the Illowa Council of the Boy Scouts of  
19 America to continue promoting community service and  
20 leadership development, encourages the Boy Scouts to  
21 continue to emphasize character building, responsible  
22 citizenship, and outdoor stewardship, and applauds the  
23 Illowa Council for instilling the values of the Scout  
24 Oath and the Scout Law in young Americans; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate recognizes  
26 February 8, 2017, as National Boy Scout Day, to be  
27 acknowledged by all citizens of the state.